

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER & INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES to the RUSKINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL, from July 1st, 1913, to December 31st, 1913.

Number of Inspections made of Cowsheds, and Dairies, Slaughter Houses, Bake-houses, Drains, Sewers, Dwelling Houses, &c., &c.	52
Number of cases reported to Council.	9
Abated without Formal Notice.	9
„ after Formal Notice, and without legal proceedings.	—
Number of Formal Notices given.	—
„ of cases in which legal proceedings were taken.	—
„ Abated after legal proceedings.	—
Total number abated.	9
Remaining unabated at end of year.	—
Number of Houses disinfected after Infectious disease.	4

S. FRED CLARE,
Inspector of Nuisances.

REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH of the RUSKINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL, for the year ending 31st December, 1913.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report.

The district of Ruskington is slightly undulating, the general contour of the County sloping from West to East. The soil is loamy in the West, occasional beds of gravel and clay being interspersed, but in the East it is of Fen land description—the sub-soil is generally gravel.

The population in 1911 was 1214, and was about the same in 1913.

The chief occupation of the inhabitants is agriculture, and some are employed in the building trade. No occupation injurious to health is carried on in the district.

There are 13 persons receiving Poor Law relief, 3 males, 7 females and 3 children. There is no permanent hospital accommodation, but temporary accommodation is available.

The water supply is excellent, being derived from an artesian bore into the Lincolnshire colite, and pumped to a tank 50 feet above ground giving sufficient pressure for all domestic and Rural Council purposes, and is free from all sources of contamination, and is not of a plumbo solvent nature.

The rivers are not polluted by the drainage. The drainage is satisfactory, being properly constructed and equipped with man holes and flushing chambers, the various mains being conducted to one outfall and discharged into a filter tank. The new system of flushing the sewers from the beck is a great improvement on the old method of flushing from a flushing cart.

The closets are usually of the vault or earth type, there are about 41 of the water carriage system.

The scavenging is done by the Council's own workmen under the supervision of the Surveyor, and is quite satisfactory.

There are no lodging houses.

The sanitary condition of the Schools is satisfactory. It has not been necessary to close them during the year.

The milk supply is entirely satisfactory, the cowsheds and dairies are regularly inspected. The report of the Inspector of Nuisances is hereto annexed, which goes to show the places for sale, storing and preparation of food are satisfactory. Six dairies are registered, an increase of one over last year. Mr. Grist who has lately been registered has had a special cowshed erected to comply with the regulations.

Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909.

During the year 33 houses have been visited.

Houses found defected,	7.
Defects remedied without notice,	4.
Defective houses, where notices were served,	3.

Nature of Defects.

In one case the bedroom ceiling was down, the eaves were not spouted, and the surface water was running into the vault, (work has now been done). Two cottages were without drains, (proper drains have now been put in). Four cottages had faulty roofs, (these have been repaired).

Infectious Diseases.

There was one imported case of Typhoid and one death. Strict precautions were taken, and no further cases occurred.

One case of diphtheria, and four of scarlet fever were reported—in all cases, the houses have been properly disinfected.

No chemical or bacteriological examinations were conducted during the year.

The scarlatina case having appeared at the Station Master's house, it is fair to presume it was contracted by infection from a traveller, and was spread to the other children by contact at a social gathering.

The source of infection in the case of diphtheria cannot be traced.

No fresh cases of tuberculosis has been reported during the year.

Rickets, Acute Rheumatism, Diarrhoea, Enteritis or Pneumonia have not been prevalent during the year.

I have no evidence of venereal disease being prevalent during the year.

The Infant mortality has been nil. 15 deaths have been registered, 8 over 65 years, only 1 under 15 years.

Births:—17, 9 males, 8 females.

The flooding of the houses in Pinfold lane has been remedied, proper drainage having been constructed.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. PIM.

